

November 5, 1949.

Sister Mary Cecelia,
Our Lady Academy,
Manteno, Illinois.

Dear Sister:

Your letter of August 14th has been studied carefully and my advice to you now is, first, to simplify your spiritual life, to bring all your spiritual life into unity; secondly, to be very generous with God; and, thirdly, to be always in good spirits.

First, as for simplicity and unity, do have always an ever-abiding sorrow for all your past that has not been in complete accordance with the Will of God. Foster acts of deepest sorrow for everything in which you have failed God in the past. At the end of all your confessions say that you are very sorry for all the sins and abuses of grace in the past and tell Our Lord constantly the same thing. Find yourself very often like Mary Magdalene, at the feet of Jesus, protesting your love for Him and your eager desire to start all over again. All this will move you to an ever-progressing cleanliness of heart by the avoidance of whatever can hurt God, no matter how small it is. Foster more and more this filial fear of offending God, and beseech the Holy Spirit for this His gift.

As for the second point, the way to make yourself generous with God is to realize His presence within you by the state of sanctifying grace as well as within the members of your community and in the Most Blessed Sacrament. In your readings, go as deeply as you can in the realization of God's presence. Nothing better than this to move one to be most generous with God. Be always in God's presence. Work and walk always in God's presence. Consider how Jesus and Mary and the Saints and Angels walk with you, greatly concerned about all your doings. Try to do the best job possible, not to disappoint them, but to keep them as pleased as you can. Be most obliging always with them.

To come to the third point, be always in good spirits, never sad, never depressed. Remember that sadness and depression is the atomic bomb of the devil to destroy our spiritual life. Snap out of any temptation to

sadness or distress or despondency or whatever disturbance might be about to creep into you. Be always cheerful, always radiant with joy.

Dear Sister, try to adjust yourself to these three points. Work on them most earnestly and you will experience great results.

Many thanks for all your information about Willie Jefferson. I certainly will be praying for his success. Also, I will keep continually in my prayers all the needs of your relatives. When you see Sister Mary Mediatrix, give her my best regards and reassurance of my uninterrupted prayer for her. Do not hesitate in writing to me again, though I might delay somewhat in answering your letters, or mine might not be so lengthy as you like.

Today is the first Saturday of November. May the Immaculate Heart of Mary be always your life, your sweetness and your hope.

Your spiritual Father,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

November 5, 1949.

Mrs. Mary McCarthy,
18327 Elaine St.,
Artesia, Calif.

Dear Mrs. McCarthy:

Thank you for your letters, and God bless you for your charity toward the suffering souls and toward His religious.

I ask you to pardon this belated reply. Yes, I received the five names you desired enrolled in the Purgatorial Society of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Enclosed are some leaflets. I remember you in my prayers and ask you, too, to remember all my needs in your prayers.

Respectfully yours,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

November 17, 1949

Sister Imelda,
St. Mary's Hospital,
Kankakee, Illinois.

Dear Sister:

I received your letter of November 1st enclosing the Mass stipend. We are taking care of the Mass and I am praying for your intentions.

God bless you.

Sincerely in the Immaculate
Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

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V.M. J.T.
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215 E. Alhambra Road
Alhambra, Calif.
Nov. 6, 1949

Pax Christi!

My Father in Christ:

I'm in a muddle.

But first let me thank you for your letter of October 10th. It was most opportune in helping me fight a temptation that I did not mention to you. I think our Holy Mother, St. Teresa would call it a false humility, but it comes so subtly that I found it difficult to overcome. It is the thought that I am not called to a high sanctity, & presents itself in different forms - all of them discouraging. Your words of encouragement have been most helpful.

I no longer have any hesitation about the foundation as it has not seemed necessary to interview our ecclesiastical superior. (He is not under the jurisdiction of the Father General.) Your words as my director have been sufficient. You see, Father, even though you did not answer my other letters immediately, I have not been able to think of you as other than "my Father" in Christ, and I have not been able to forget to pray for you. In other cases when I had doubts as to whom to go for direction I no longer felt urged to pray, ^{especially} for that priest.

Now about the "muddle": It's hard to explain but again concerns a novice. I have concluded that since I began praying and had to give me the heart of a Mother for them, He wishes me to be "in labor until Christ be formed in them". She one began having her troubles (scruples etc.)

who are planning to enter there, although that may be a temptation as I really have nothing ^{good} of my own to help anyone with.

Father, about the "muddle" I spoke to you about - sometimes it looks to me like my worry is a scruple; it acts like one. But a priest told me that there are some things that a novice mistress has a grave obligation to report to the superior. A word from you will settle my doubt. I hope I have been clear.

Father Osborne, O. P. will give us our retreat from Nov. 14th to Nov. 23rd. Please pray for us.

We hope to be in Long Beach for Dec. 8th. Please pray for that too.

God reward you for your letter, Father, I am more grateful than I can say. I would have liked to have written sooner, but there was no need and I trusted our Lord to thank you for me.

I beg your blessing, Father, and a tiny remembrance at your holy Mass when we're on retreat.

Your unworthy child in Christ,

S. Durbin of Jesus, D.C.

P.S. Father, I trust you will destroy my letters.

God reward you for the prayers to the Immaculate Heart of Mary & for the article on Indulgences.

Noviembre 18, 1949.

Reverendo Padre Jose Maria de Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Carisimo Josechu.

Te felicito con todo mi amor de hermano por tu nuevo destino. Me regocijo contigo muy de veras con las noticias que me das en tu ultima carta en la que me aseguras que estas contentisimo. Mira que desde tu Ordenacion Sacerdotal es nada mas tu tercer destino. Ello dice mucho en tu favor. Pedir y hacer pedir que esta presente asignacion te sea decididamente favorable para ascender a nuevas metas de superacion integral en tu floracion apostolica y en la rendicion y cosecha de frutos cada vez mas ricos y copiosos en tus campos misioneros. Te vas a aprovechar de las aureas oportunidades de este destino en Pamplona con hermanos tan hermanos para hacer cada vez mas verdadera la alabanza que respecto a tu persona me dijo el otro dia el Padre Fermin Urrutia a su vuelta de China, "Su hermano es un gran predicador, pero de esos buenos a la antigua!" Haz el Corazon Inmaculado de nuestra Divina Madre por quien sientes cada vez mas profundo y filial amor que durante este ano centenario de la Congregacion te abastezcas cien por cien de las cualidades apostolicas de nuestro Beato Padre y de sus hijos, tales como Esteban Sala, Gavin, Heredero, Burgos, etc.

Josechu, me hablabas en tus cartas que con la inesperada muerte de tu gran Provincial y Padre amantisimo el Padre Lobo muchas de tus ilusiones se han desvanecido o por lo menos enfriado. Mira, Josechu, trabajas por nuestro triple fin y por tanto nada te debe amilanar. Con tu nuevo destino vas a resurgir con vida nueva y con nuevas energias para remontarte en alas de tus ideales hasta Cristo Sol de Amor dirigiendote sola y unicamente a El para contemplarle de hito en hito y amarle con toda la pasion de tu corazon noble por la sangre y virtudes de tus antepasados y mas noble por tus propias virtudes enaltecidas con la filiacion Cordimariana y con la Uncion Sacerdotal y corroboradas con tu paternidad espiritual de tantas almas que se glorian en llamarte: "Padre Jose Maria".

Me dabas tambien a entender que ha habido quien te ha ocasionado serios disgustos... Mira, Josechu mio, lo que debes hacer es que siempre que te venga ese recuerdo (y te vendra muchas veces) vuélvete enteramente a Dios y coges tu Crucifijo de Misiones en tus manos y lo besas amorosamente y continuas besandolo por largo rato y lo estrechas junto a tu corazon y hablas a Jesus Crucificado con toda intimidad, afecto y confianza como si le vieses con tus ojos corporales y le repites una y otra vez: "Que contento me siento, Jesus mio, en perdonar completamente a ... para demostrarte mi verdadero amor, para asemejarme mas y mas a Ti para que me perdones completamente y para que mi vida apostolica rinda mucho fruto. Bendice

Jesus mio, a... que ha sido instrumento en ocasionarme tanto bien. Jesus mio, que esta tribulacion crucifique mi soberbia, mi amor propio y mi vanidad y haz, Jesus mio, que ello rinda en mi y por mi medio en las almas todos los saludables efectos que Tu intentastes al enviarmelo o al permitirlo".

Ah! cuanta uncion te daran las contrariedades bien recibidas. Recibe, Josechu las contrariedades de cada dia con toda generosidad besando amorosamente las Manos de Dios que con todo amor de Padre las permite o quiere para tu mayor bien y provecho de las almas que estan tan ligadas a tus sufrimientos morales como a tus oraciones y sermones. Como arraigaras asi en la verdadera humildad que nos es tan necesaria.

Consideraras como muy providencial y permitido por la amorosa mano de dios que quiere para Si toda gloria y honor siempre que te escatimen alabanzas o te pospongan algo injustamente, etc... Ello no debe ser motivo para aplanarte sino para renovar tus bríos espirituales y decir a Jesus con mucho amor: "Trabajare unicamente por Ti y cultivare cuantas cualidades me has prestado para hacer cuanto pueda por Tu mayor Gloria y bien de las almas. Josechu, haz tus retiros meditando mas y mejor en cada uno de ellos sobre la pureza de intencion.

El M.R.P. Coni, C.M.F., tiene tu maquina de escribir en Roma. El R. P. Basilio Frison estaba para llevartela a Espana pero le dijeron en Roma que tendria dificultad con las aduanas y por eso la dejo al M.R.P. Coni hasta que tu encuentres modo y manera de rescatarla o pagues por el coste de las aduanas. Escribes al M.R.P. Coni y le dices como el M.R. P. Lobo te dio permiso para recibir esta maquinita de tu hermano, como unos amigos mios te la pagaron y el Padre Frison se comprometio en llevartela, pero que en vista de la dificultad que al Padre Frison le dijeron los de Roma iban a encontrar en las aduanas se decidio este en depositarla con el M.R.P. Coni. Incluyo una pequena carta para el M.R.P. Coni y se la mandas con la tuya.

Gracias por todas tus noticias. Saludas a la madre y a la familia entera, les dices que ruequen para que les pueda yo ver el ano que viene. Ver a ellos y hablar contigo deseo muy en el alma si es in la voluntad de Dios. No hay nada cierto todavia ni mucho menos. No te quiero dar muchas esperanzas para que despues no te quedes mas desilusionado. Pero hay una pequena probabilidad en que pueda yo reunir 40 peregrinos y recaudar \$1,500.00 si mis planes son bendicidos por Dios a este efecto. De todos modos vaya o no, hare cuanto pueda por la causa de N.B. Padre, a quien estoy sumamente reconocido. Estoy muy contento y bien de salud. Dios ha bendecido mi trabajo con los novicios. He organizado y fundado dos grupos de Colaboradores Claretianos. De estos despues de Dios depende si podre o no ir a Roma el ano que viene. Tienen buena voluntad de ayudarme. No te ilusiones todavia. Continua con tus cartas a pesar de mi mala correspondencia a tu atencion y finura de optimo hermano.

Te abraza con todo amor doblemente fraternal

Juan Luis

Noviembre 18, 1949.

M. R. P. Esteban Goni, C.M.F.,
Curia Generalicia,
Roma.

Muy Reverendo y amado Padre in Corde Matris.

La presente espere saludarle con todo el respeto y reverencia que su dignidad y meritos se merecen e indicarle lo que sigue.

Mi hermano Jose Maria de Ellacuria, C.M.F. residente en la Provincia de Castilla con permiso del M. R. Padre Lobo me dijo a ver si le podia procurar una maquina de escribir silenciosa. Con los debidos permisos busque unos amigos que me la costearan. Su marca es Remington. La envie a mi hermano por medio del M.R.P. Basilio Frison, C.M.F. que se comprometio en llevarla a mi hermano. A la vuelta de Roma me dijo el M.R.P. Frison que dejo la maquinita con V.R. porque le dejaron ahi que tendria dificultad con las aduanas. Me dijo el M.R. Padre Frison que escribiera a V. Reverencia sobre el caso. Ahora toca a mi hermano con el debido permiso de su nuevo M.R.P. Provincial ver que las aduanas se paguen y asi recibir la maquina que tan pacientemente ha estado esperando por tres anos.

Con profunda gratitud por este favor a mi doblemente hermano R.P. Jose Maria residente ahora en Pamplona. Suplicando sus especiales oraciones por la Provincia Norte-Americana De V. R. afmo s.s.y. h. in C. M. Q. b. s. m.

Juan Luis de Ellacuria, C.M.F.

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November 21, 1949

Dear Father Aloysius,

It was my intention to write to you immediately after receiving your letter but, due to the fact that, these past two weeks have been completely taken up with the supervisor of schools and the supervisor of music, I haven't, until now, had the opportunity.

I wish to thank you most sincerely for the time and trouble you took to write to me, Father. You will never know how greatly I have benefited by your help. Your letter has been read many, many times and I am striving, most earnestly, to carry out your advice.

You tell me to keep myself in the Presence of God. This I strive to do and at times, when He is close to me, it is so easy. No effort is required. With great peace of soul and with love, I feel so close to Him. Then at other times He seems to go away from me. My thoughts become occupied with things around me. A form of sadness comes over me and, it is then that I realize what is happening. He wants me to seek Him at once. It is only when I am with Him that I am really happy.

With every violation of silence or charity I experience a terrible remorse of conscience. It simply torments me! I am grateful that it does because it is helping me to overcome these faults. They grow less in number each week. You must be praying for me! There is little doubt in my mind but that most of the graces that come to me are a result of your prayers. I thank God every day for Father Aloysius!

You advised me not to take delight in the things of this earth. May I ask, to what extent do you advise me to carry this? Pleasures such as movies, plays, and outings of any kind, I have deprived myself of for the past two years. Your suggestion, on this matter, is of great interest to me. I would be most grateful for a more detailed explanation. I want to give Him all. Nothing else matters now. He is my only desire, my only love. So, Father, whatever you suggest, I shall earnestly endeavor to accomplish. For me, your advice is His Holy Will. It comes to me from Him, in your heart. Often I adore Him there, and thank Him too, for I feel that I have shared in this great privilege.

I rejoice with you and your Community over the canonization of your Founder, Blessed Claret. I hope he will bring many boys, under my care, into your Order. Would you, by any chance, have a prayer to Blessed Claret that I could say, for this purpose?

Christmas is a busy time for you, I know, but I am going to hope and pray that it will not be so busy that you won't be able to send me, at least, a brief message from our Infant King. I really would love to hear from Him on that day.

Best regards to Alvin. Assure him of a daily remembrance in my prayers, Masses, and Communions. I'll write him a note at Christmas.

Continue to pray for your spiritual daughter, please. I depend on your prayers.

Thank you, for your letter of encouragement and advice.

Gratefully in the Sacred Heart,

Sister Mary Virginia
Sister Mary Virginia

Los Angeles Nov.28.1949

Rev.dear Father Aloysius,

Enclosed you will find the minutes of the last two meetings.Please forgive me for the delay.I had the minutes of the Nov.2.meeting with me to give to you,but forgot to do it.

I called last week to ask you how much I could put in the minutes about Dr.Duzik.You were at prayer so Father Frison asked me if he could help me.I said yes,because this concerned him also.So he told me to write the story exactly as Mrs.Rose told it to us,because we must stick to facts and the truth.

If there is anything you want us to discuss at the meeting this Wednesday please feel free to call me.Or if there is anything that we can do or bring,please let us know.Mrs.Staley has the car and will be glad to do,it.

Please pray that our meeting will be a success in every way,since Mrs.Flocca is away.

We are very happy to have the opportunity of attending the day of recollection on Dec.8.and will certainly tell all the ladies about it.

With many kind regards through the sweet Heart Jesus and Mary I remain very respectfully your

Maria Roth

J.M.J.F.

November 28th, 1949.

Dear Father Aloysius;

Upon my return to the East, being back only one day, I was called upon to take care of Sister, as her nurse had to leave for a while to go out East. Last week alone, I spent five days and nights, there. Of course this is like heaven, being in her company, but I am only trying to tell you, it has been in my mind daily to write to you, especially thanking you for all you have done for me, but each day has been so busy, it was impossible.

I know now, that I was to go out West to receive my health, and now can I thank you, but by telling you each day I will, with all my strength, use it for the greater honor and glory of God.

It is such a pleasure to keep thinking of our visit, and then recalling not being able to see you that last day, but knowing the circumstances, I just could not make it. This was a great sacrifice on my part, but in order to keep peace, I found it necessary to stay with my sister. As I told you, she left the church twenty years ago, and it is my great desire to see her return to Jesus and His Blessed mama, and having made a number of trips without her, and especially the last three days of our visit in California, I found it impossible to do any more visiting without her, and she refused to go with me. So now I have her good will, and still two visits with you, which to my mind is much better than not having her understand why I was doing so much visiting.

Sister has asked me to write to you, to please send your blessing often during the day and especially evenings and nights, when she suffers most. Our Dear Lord has asked her to suffer even more and longer, and this seems almost impossible even to watch as it is unbearable even for us, and she is the one to suffer so much.

Spending so much time with sister, it seems as though Our Dear Lord is preparing me for something, and I beg of your prayers, so that when the time comes, I am ready to do His holy will.

Each day I grow healthier, not tiring after working all day, never feeling nervous as I was before, and even the heart takes so much that it could never stand before. All this I have to be grateful for, through your sacrifices and prayers. I can only make you happy by telling you, all this strength and health, will be used to please our Dear Jesus.

I know you have no time, but if ever you have a moment, to teach me to love Our Blessed Mother and Her Son, more, I will use every, every word, to my greatest ability.

Each day I thank Jesus for sending me to you, and in my poor prayers I am praying you will receive your desire, if it be His holy will.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Margaret Gartner

